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PCB Meeting in Duluth

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Attached is a rather lengthy narrative report which Jack Garrett put together after the meeting in Duluth last week.

I am sure both Bill Papageorge and Bob Keller will want to add their comments.

From discussing the meeting with Jack, Bill and Bob, I believe the following are the principal points of discussion or conclusions from the meeting:

1. The greatest concern shown by the participants related to the establishment or setting of a tolerance level for PCB's in food--fish principally. Representatives of the various agencies anticipated having to do this in the next six to twelve months.

2. Monsanto is not alone in having determined isomeric distribution of the PCB's in Aroclors. Scott Tucker's work has been duplicated by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries, Fish Pesticide Research Laboratory at Columbia, Missouri.

3. The above laboratory feels that 1248 is incriminated as much as 1242, 1254 and 1260.

4. Dr. Street from Utah State University (whom you have met) feels strongly that the residue being reported as 1254 is not from the commercial product 1254 but is actually what remains from 1242.or perhaps even 1221 or 1232.

5. Among the various participants there has been little confirmation of PCB identity by mass spectroscopy.

6. Within six to twelve months the literature will begin to be filled with the results of the research efforts of the many, many laboratories and agencies that are working on the PCB problem.

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